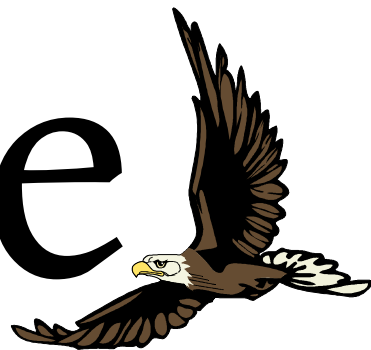


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Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Training the world's best pilots

Sept. 10, 1999

Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin



Pilot graduation

The graduation ceremony for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-14 is 10 a.m. today in the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The guest speaker is Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Richard Secord.

Correction

The page one article, 'Hunting season begins Saturday,' in the Sept. 3 issue of the Border Eagle, contained an error.

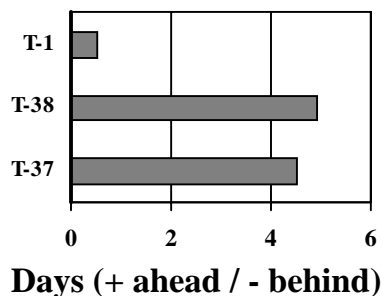
The correct information follows:

Hunting is *not* allowed in the wooded areas from the main gate westward to the west gate. This includes the area behind enlisted housing and the trailer park. These areas are available for jogging, biking and horseback riding during the hunting season.

47 FTW mission status

(As of Sept. 8)

Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 99:
63,317

Hours flown in FY 99:
93,916.8

Pilot wings earned in FY 99:
299

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,349

Combined Federal Campaign donations make wishes come true for two military dependents

Little Megan was featured in her father's Air Force newspaper at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., where he was stationed with a Marine detachment. (Megan is a spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy and severe complications).

When 'Grandma' Sharon read Megan's story, she immediately wrote a letter telling Megan about a special program in Florida that allowed children with special needs to swim with dolphins, one of Megan's favorite animals.

Megan was delighted! Knowing just where to turn for help to make this meeting possible, Megan's mom called Children's Hopes & Dreams-Wish Fulfillment Foundation.

Megan and her family were soon ushered aboard a jet to a tropical para-

dise where they would spend a full week visiting aquariums, pirate ships, nature trails, taking glass-bottom boat tours and spending time with sharks, sea lions and, of course, her beloved dolphin friends.

Everywhere Megan and her family went they were blessed with the kindness of so many wonderful people who helped make this special little girl's dream come true. The impact the dolphin therapy had on Megan was evident in the smile on her face and the peace in her eyes. Megan's father was formerly based at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, Hawaii, and Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif.

Peter (PJ) is the son of a retired Air Force officer, formerly assigned at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; Homestead AFB,

Fla.; Shaw AFB, S.C.; and Korea.

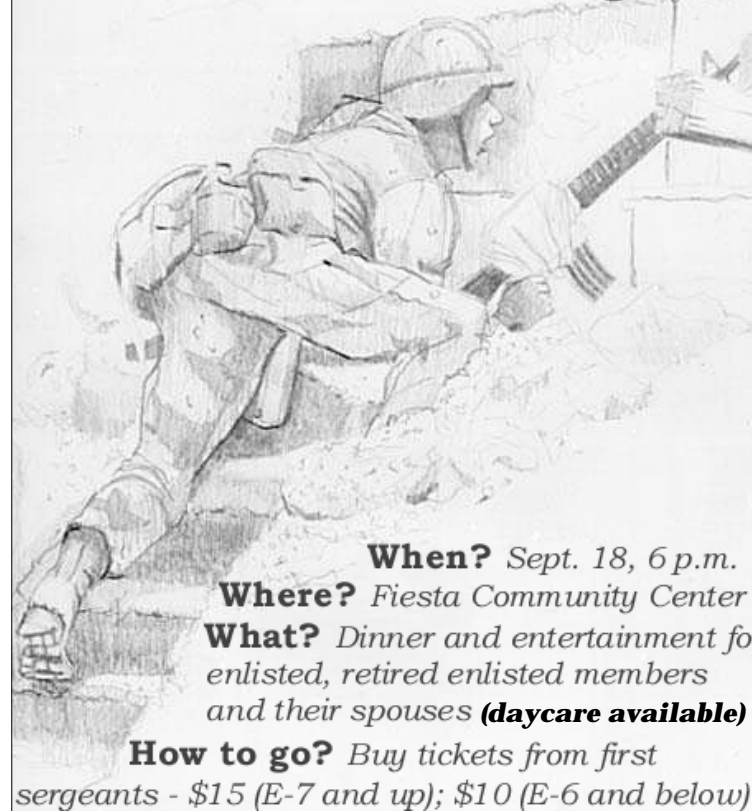
Being a typical teenage boy in spirit, he wanted to meet the Spice Girls or go to Disney World. Of course, he thought it would be really nice if the Spice Girls would meet him at Disney World! Unfortunately for them, the Spice Girls were touring Europe and unavailable to escort him around the Magic Kingdom.

PJ's dream trip to Disney became a reality when his airline tickets, information packet and spending money arrived. It was just the boost his doctors and mom said he needed. Since he was 5 years old, PJ has had multiple corrective surgeries because of a very rare and life-threatening bone disease called Olliers.

PJ's family was on the go day and

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Enlisted Combat Dining-Out



When? Sept. 18, 6 p.m.

Where? Fiesta Community Center

What? Dinner and entertainment for enlisted, retired enlisted members and their spouses (**daycare available**)

How to go? Buy tickets from first sergeants - \$15 (E-7 and up); \$10 (E-6 and below)

Base to hold POW/MIA ceremony

By Jim Teet

Public affairs

Col. (Ret.) James L. Lamar will be the guest speaker at a special retreat ceremony on POW-MIA Day at 5 p.m. here Sept. 17.

The retreat ceremony will take place in front of the 47th Flying Training Wing headquarters, building 338. Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47 FTW commander, noted this occasion provides the opportunity for student pilots and other active-duty members, civilians and families to "reflect on the sacrifices we must be ready to make as part of the dedication expected by members of our military profession."

Lamar was a prisoner in Hanoi, Vietnam, from May 1966 until he was released during OPERATION HOMECOMING in February 1973. This pilot was flying his 201st combat mission (his 84th in North Vietnam) when he was shot down and captured. Lamar also flew 100 combat missions during the Korean War.

Following his repatriation, Lamar served as vice commander of the 601st Tactical Air Control Wing at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, until his retirement June 1, 1976.



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Members with specific questions about pay issues should contact the military pay office, rather than DFAS.

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A View from the Top



Gen. Lloyd W. Newton
Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — By now, I'm sure each one of you is at least somewhat familiar with our transition to an Expeditionary Aerospace Force. What may not be apparent is how this transition will affect you.

As we become a lighter, leaner and more agile force we must ensure we are individually prepared for the physical rigors and challenges of the expeditionary environment. Simply and seriously stated, we each must take personal responsibility for our fitness and health. Air Education and Training Command must also transition in order to provide the right force in the right place with the right training.

Here at AETC headquarters, I lead a monthly command run where the entire headquarters staff gathers in the early morning or late afternoon to participate in a 3-mile run or fast walk. This run re-



As our AEF culture evolves, supervisors must recognize that a reasonable amount of time during the regular duty day devoted to fitness activities is wholly justifiable and fully authorized. Further, military supervisors should lead by example in this important area.

In the coming months, the Air Force will add muscular fitness and flexibility tests to the annual physical fitness assessment. Testing may include bench and leg presses, abdominal crunches, sit-and-

minds us that maintaining personal fitness is our responsibility and duty. Being "fit for duty" includes a genuine commitment to personal wellness and fitness.

reach tests for flexibility or some other calisthenics. So, if you aren't already including strength and flexibility elements in your personal training program, get ahead of the game and start now.

I also encourage duty sections to make fitness activities a time for office camaraderie and fun. It's okay to take time for a well-planned, officewide, group participation fitness event, such as volleyball or basketball or other vigorous physical activities. The emphasis should be on vigorous activity for everyone participating.

We are fortunate that the Air Force

provides first-rate fitness facilities for our use. Take advantage of these great resources and their expert staffs to get the most out of your fitness program.

By the way, I don't accept the protests of people who say they're too busy at work to fit exercise into their schedules. If I can do it, so can you.

Your good health and overall fitness should be critical to you, your family and the Air

Force. To achieve mission success, we need you to be physically, mentally and spiritually fit. Don't think about it, JUST DO IT!

(AETCNS)

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Ryan discusses air and space integration, pay raises, EAF

By Tech. Sgt. Timothy Hoffman
Air Force Space Command public affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — Airmen will see many of the promises recently made to them fulfilled over the next six months, said the Air Force chief of staff.

Gen. Michael E. Ryan discussed the integration of air and space, the stand up of new aerospace expeditionary forces and increases in pay during his visit here Sept. 1.

In the area of air and space integration, airmen won't have to wait six months; they have already experienced it in Kosovo, he indicated.

"Space has become integral to all the operations we do; that's why we call ourselves an aerospace force," said Ryan. The general said there have been great strides in incorporating space systems since Operation Desert Storm.

"I think this is more of a journey than an end goal in what we call aerospace integration," he said. "Integra-

tion is the process of making sure all the systems we have within our military capability interact with each other in a synergistic way, in an additive way, and that they are more than just a sum of their parts. In Kosovo we saw that in spades.

Ryan said space was involved across the spectrum of operations, in areas like surveillance, intelligence, reconnaissance, navigation, weather and communication.

"They were lashed together with reachback capability that used space as the medium for communication," he said. "We were lashed together in reconnaissance, intelligence and a lot of other ways that when all pulled together, come together to give you an overwhelming capability."

Ryan said an interesting example of this "lashing together" of all the pieces during Kosovo was the use of the U-2 reconnaissance aircraft.

"The U-2's surveillance/reconnaissance capability was down-beamed or downloaded to a station on the ground, which then beamed it to satellites that delivered

the information to Beale Air Force Base (Calif.)," said Ryan. "There, a group of reachback folks worked on the utility and military meaningfulness of that information. Finally, this interpreted data was fed back through satellite communications right to the operations folks in-theater."

Although air and space integration is moving along, Ryan said the Air Force is just beginning to see the results of the process.

"The fusion of the data that we collect with interpreted information is one of the things we have to work really hard," said Ryan. "We have each of these systems that bring capability, but when you overlay them they give you knowledge, not just fact, not just data."

Not only must the Air Force become better at gaining knowledge, but it also has to become better at planning and scheduling people for contingencies around the world. The expeditionary aerospace force concept will help in this area, said the general.

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Actionline

Call 298-5351

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

Col. Dan R. Goodrich
Col. Dan R. Goodrich

47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
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Hospital	298-6311
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***“Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard.”***
– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of Sept. 7
(Fiscal Year)

	'99	Total '98
On-duty mishaps	5	11
Off-duty mishaps	12	7
Traffic mishaps	2	4
Sports & Rec mishaps	6	3
Fatalities	0	2

Commander**Corner**

**By Lt. Col.
Curt Quimby**
*47th Operations
Support Squadron
commander*

Is what we do at Laughlin important?

ment of its mission are vital to the Air Force. Many recognize this fact and are assisting in preparing us to meet future mission requirements.

Last year, Congress passed funding for a new air traffic control tower and a new base operations/RAPCON (radar approach control) facility. These two separate projects were funded at the same time and designed separately, but in coordination. Many people from the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron and the 47th Operations Support Squadron were heavily involved right from the beginning of the concept and design phase.

The projects will be awarded as one contract and the new facility will be constructed where the current base ops and weather flight building is located (building 306). Demolition of the existing facility is

scheduled to start next month. A prerequisite was to relocate the base ops and weather functions next door in building 301.

It may have been transparent to most of you, but there was a flurry of activity on the flightline the weekend of Aug. 14-15. Personnel from the airfield operations and weather flights were busy dismantling and moving equipment from the building 306 to start operations in building 301, the old location of social actions and equal opportunity. Starting late Friday afternoon, the goal was to have all equipment operational in the temporary building within 48 hours. This was not simply a matter of moving boxes and furniture.

The whole process actually started back in March when Lt. Col. John Roberts of the 87th Flying Training Squadron was given the task of developing the plan to relocate

See 'Quimby,' page 11



Here we are way out in the middle of southwest Texas, the “armpit” of Texas, as some would say, hours from the nearest big city. How important can what we are doing be to the Air Force? Answer: vitally important!

While Laughlin is a small base, it is a training base. We do skill-level training in almost every career field. Additionally, next month, we will stand up an Air Traffic Control Officer Training Program, training approximately 20 officers per year new in the ATC career field.

However, the primary purpose of Laughlin air patch is pilot training. Every person assigned to this base is here for that purpose and either directly or indirectly contributes to the accomplishment of that mission.

Is that a big deal? Yes, it is a very big deal and vital to the needs of the Air Force and the future defense of our country! In fiscal 1996, we graduated about 180 new pilots, some of whom were international students from the multitude of other countries for which we provide some training slots. In fiscal 1999, we will graduate more than 450! By fiscal 2001, we will be at more than 500!

Laughlin is training more pilots than any other base in the world! Translated, that means this base and the accomplish-

Sexual harassment hotline remains available

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force’s senior leaders want military and civilian employees to remain aware of the service’s sexual harassment hotline.

The Air Force Personnel Center here operates the hotline, which is set up to receive sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination inquiries. The numbers are: 1-800-558-1404; DSN 665-2949; or commercial (210) 565-2949.

“First we expect our people to use their chain of command,” said Maj. Gen. Don Lamontagne, AFPC commander. “However, the hotline opens another channel of communication for those who have a question, concern or complaint about sexual harassment or discrimination. The Air Force has ‘zero tolerance’ for sexual harassment and discrimination and we take each call very seriously.”

An AFPC Call Center representative answers each call to the hotline. Callers with a sexual harassment or discrimination concern are forwarded to a military equal opportunity counselor. Counselors ensure callers understand the avenues available to them and also ensure complaints are channeled to the proper authority. Counselors are available to take calls during normal duty hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., CST.

After normal duty hours, voice mail is available for callers to leave messages. Counselors return after-hours phone calls on the following duty day. Counselors are available 24 hours a day for emergencies or when an immediate response is desired. The call center voice mail will instruct callers how to reach an after-hours counselor.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

**Deadline for submission of material for the
Border Eagle is Thursday, the week prior to publication.**

The *XLer*

Hometown: Plains, Mont.

Family: Wife, Joanna; Tristan, son, two months. Titan, Rottweiler.

Time at Laughlin: Two years, four months.

Time in service: Nine years.

Why did you join the Air Force? To become a pilot.

Name one way to improve life at

Laughlin: Establish a short remote tour.

Greatest accomplishment: Learning to whistle.

Long-term goals: Earn an early comfortable retirement.

Hobbies: Most outdoor activities.

Favorite food: Hamburger.

Favorite beverage: Milkshake.

Bad habit: Excessive expectations.

Motto: Don't take life seriously – it's not permanent.

If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why?

Confucius, because of his world perceptions.



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

Capt. Troy Daniels
87th Flying Training Squadron

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-**Daily Mass** 12:05 p.m.

-**Saturday Mass** 5 p.m.

-**Sunday Mass** 9:30 a.m.

-**Confession** 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, or by appointment.

-**Choir** 6 p.m. Thursdays.

-**Sunday school** 11 a.m.,
religious education building.

-General worship 11 a.m.

-Bible study video luncheon
11 a.m. Thursday, chapel
fellowship hall.

-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.,
religious education building.

Jewish

– Max Stool
219 West Strickland St.
Del Rio, Texas

Phone: 775-4519

Protestant

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.



DFAS offers 'read only' Pay Call system; finance office answers specific questions

Direct customer service cannot be provided by Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Denver to Air Force active duty, reserve and Air National Guard members. It is Air Force policy for these members to contact their servicing finance office if they have specific questions about their military pay and travel matters.

The local servicing finance office is the authorized source for information concerning entitlement to pay and allowances, pay statement problems (to include TD Forms W-2), specific dollar amount questions on allowances, etc. To ensure a prompt and accurate response to concerns, Air Force members should contact their local finance office directly. Pay questions cannot be answered by DFAS. Pay Call, the new military pay phone system, provides payroll information to members - similar to the member's Leave and Earnings Statement. (Travel pay support is not provided via this system.) This is a 'read only' system; it does not offer the opportunity to speak with a customer service representative. Access to

Pay Call is available 24 hours a day when calling toll-free 1-800-755-7413 from the United States or by DSN 926-1281 from overseas. Types of information available include:

■ Amount of last paycheck

■ Federal and State tax information

■ Leave balance

■ Debt balance

■ Allotment

■ Direct deposit information

(Courtesy 47th Comptroller Flight)



**Double
your
intake.**

If you aren't looking at the United States Air Force Online News Wednesday, you aren't getting all of the news.

After you read this paper, check out your other newspaper at:
<http://www.af.mil/newspaper>

From the Blotter

(47th Security Forces Squadron)



Aug. 20, 4:32 p.m. Security forces personnel at the main gate detained an illegal alien from Mexico. The U.S. Border Patrol assumed custody.

Aug. 22 4:37 a.m. Security forces patrols responded to a verbal altercation in the housing area. The military member's first sergeant was called to assist.

Aug. 25, 4:20 p.m. Three civilian employees had a verbal altercation outside their work center. An investigation is pending.

Traffic stop etiquette

Here are some tips to ensure your safety and the safety of law enforcement officers during a traffic stop on or off base:

- Pull as far to the side of the road as possible or into an adjacent parking lot. Ensuring the officer has plenty of room to safely conduct his duties may be noted by the officer.
- NEVER exit your vehicle unless asked to

do so by the officer. You risk getting hit by passing vehicles or the officer viewing this as a hostile move.

- Have your driver's license and insurance card ready when the officer approaches your vehicle. (If on base also have your ID card out).

- Do not make any sudden moves. Tell the officer before getting anything out of the glove box or door pocket.

- Be honest. If you know what you did was wrong don't lie about it.

- Be courteous; don't argue. If you feel strongly that you were not at fault, take your case to the judge or military appeals process. Remember, many patrol vehicles are equipped with video/audio recording equipment; your actions or words may be recorded.

Following these tips will not necessarily get you out of a ticket, but a courteous attitude is contagious. If you have any questions, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

47th Medical Group

Laughlin military members who are seen in a civilian medical facility after duty hours, including any visits while outside of the local area, must contact the medical resource management office at 6399 as soon as possible after the visit. All necessary paperwork has to be completed before the government can process the bills. The patient's name, and duty and home phone numbers should be included on all paperwork. It is important to bring in all receipts for care and prescriptions for possible reimbursement.

A military member could be responsible for paying medical costs resulting from a visit to a civilian medical facility if the person fails to do the following:

- contact the PCM before going to the facility (this does not include emergencies- "threat to life, limb or eyesight").
- is treated at a civilian medical facility after being denied by a PCM.
- is referred to a civilian medical facility by the PCM after duty hours, checks into the facility, but does not receive the medical care.

- does not coordinate through the Tricare flight for follow-up appointments stemming from an original referral/consult. Referrals are meant for one visit/procedure ONLY!

(Courtesy medical resource management)

Question of the week

How do you contribute



“By providing a secure and safe place for the Laughlin community to live and work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. I’m just a public servant servicing the public.”

Maj. Mark Koch
47th Security Forces Squadron



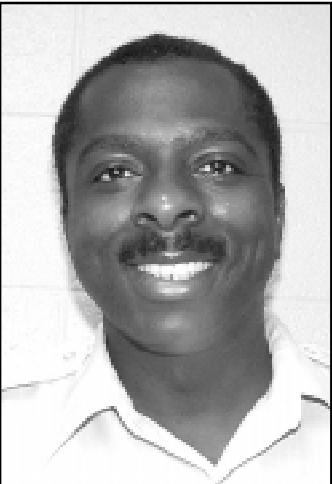
“By servicing the best customers in the world!”

Armando Herrera
AAFES Shopette Service



“Helping families help themselves.”

Roberto Barrera



“By lifting the spirits of the elderly and singing at La Vida Nursing Home on a monthly basis.”

Staff Sgt. Williams **Donald**

Just do it!

Dave Olsen of the 47th Civil Engineering Squadron, environmental flight, puts some cardboard in the new recycling bin outside the AAFES shopette. The recycling container was constructed by 2nd Lt. Sonny Hignite of 47 CES. It was built in order to replace the old one that was weather damaged. Several of these containers are located around the base and residents are encouraged to participate in Laughlin's recycling program.



Photo by Airman Bradley Pettit

Pubs and forms to go electronic; change allows users direct access to AF pubs web site

By Carolyn Watkins

*Air Force Departmental
Publishing Office*

ANACOSTIA NAVAL AIR STATION, D.C. — Users of publications and forms will soon be able to directly access them from the Air Force publications web site. The initial Electronic Transaction System will replace the publications distribution system in October, when the major command and base publications distribution offices and centers close.

Seen as the future of Air Force information management, it was proposed as a productivity investment fund, or PIF, project in October 1995. When delivered, initial ETS will leverage existing technologies to maximize electronic access to publications and forms.

When ETS is delivered, users who once received publishing products from PDO's and PDC's will directly access them from a central web site managed by the Air Force Departmental Publishing Office. This web site will allow users to access, view, download, print and order products. Those who do not have Internet access will contact the ETS order desk to get the products they need.

The goal of ETS is to make Air Force departmental, MAJCOM, and base level products accessible to warfighters, around the clock. Users will be able to access products regardless of whether they are connected to the Internet — while deployed or in-garrison.

Internet-connected users can look for products from the web site through structured and unstructured searches. In structured searches, users will define parameters of the document they want using a menu. If a user is searching for an Air Force 33-series publication, he or she will type those descriptors into the web site's menu. The search engine will retrieve titles and links to publications conforming to those characteristics. Users can also type keywords from the publication's text. The unstructured search engine will review all the publications in the web site's electronic library and retrieve the titles and links to publications where the keywords occur.

When users require hard copy

versions of electronic products, they will be able to print them from their workstation. If users require bulk quantities of electronic products, they will send a request along with an IMPAC card number or fund cite, to the Defense Automated Printing Service using the DAPS icon on the ETS web page. DAPS will com-

mit the document to paper or compact disk, forward it to the requestor, and charge for the service and materials provided.

There will still be a need for some physical products, such as publications and forms that are classified, accountable, and controlled. The unclassified titles of these products will be included in

the ETS web site index, but the documents will not. To access physical products, the user will get pre-approval.

ETS is an improvement to the current publications and forms distribution process, but it is not the final answer. Plans are to augment ETS with more functionality to optimize the products and services

provided to users. In the coming year, efforts will concentrate on integrating the capability to electronically disseminate classified information from the web site.

If you have questions regarding ETS, please contact the ETS Service Desk, DSN 754-2438, **ets@pentagon.af.mil**.

(AFPN)



Capt. Shannon L. Rogers
Class Leader
F-15E – Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



Capt. Scott J. Weber
Assistant Class Leader
C-17 – Charleston AFB, S.C.



Capt. Michael L. Ahmann
F-16 – Burlington, Vt. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Matthew R. Basler
A-10 – Whiteman AFB, Mo. (AFRES)



1st Lt. Martin Koranteng
TBD – Ghana



2nd Lt. John F. Borowski
C-5 – Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Phillip M. Brown
C-5 – Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Fernando Castaneda
AT-37 – El Salvador



2nd Lt. Christopher D. Davis
C-130 – Savannah, Ga. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Meghan B. Doherty
C-21 – Randolph AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Jeremy C. Fischman
KC-135 – MacDill AFB, Fla.



Capt. Rachel M. Tukey
KC-135 – Fairchild AFB, Wash.

Class 99-14 graduates

Student Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-14 graduates at 10 a.m. today in a ceremony at the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine subsonic T-37 Tweet. In the T-37 students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

Primary training consists of

254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized area or track. The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo pilot training

in the T-1 aircraft, fighter pilot training

in the T-38, turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44, and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1.

Advanced training takes about 26

weeks and involves 381 hours

of ground events, 31.6

hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

Graduates of SUPT Class 99-14 have been assigned to various aircraft at duty stations throughout the world.





2nd Lt. Patrick M. Fox
KC-135 – Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



2nd Lt. Courtney A. Hamilton
F-15C – Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Jeremy T. Jones
F-15C – Tyndall AFB, Fla.



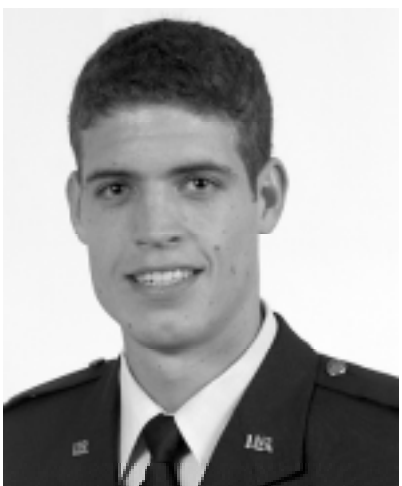
2nd Lt. Benjamin C. Nealy
C-130 – Anchorage, Alaska (ANG)



2nd Lt. Geoffrey O. Nettles
F-16 – Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Shelby E. Ortiz
KC-135 – McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Doyle A. Pompa
F-16 – Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Marc H. Segal
KC-10 – McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Scott A. Stadelman
F-15C – Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Krista N. Staff
C-141 – McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Ryan E. Vander Veen
C-17 – Charleston AFB, S.C.



Capt. Matthew P. Larkowski
KC-135 – RAF Mildenhall, U.K.



2nd Lt. Susan A. Whalen
T-1 – Laughlin AFB, Texas

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occupants of the base operations complex. After much research and discussion, building 301 was chosen as the best relocation area due to slight underutilization and its proximity to the flightline. Before anyone could move into building 301, SA and EEO needed to find a new home. The 47th Medical Group graciously offered up some space, and 47th Civil Engineering Squadron converted an old labor and delivery room into the new home for SA and EEO.

The next step was to prepare building 301 to handle the needs of base ops and weather. In a project that took approximately three months to complete, the

people of the 47th Communications Squadron and the 47 CES excelled! They installed 75 additional comm/LAN lines, 24 landlines, a completely new and separate electrical system, and relocated additional essential equipment to include pouring new concrete slabs to support the equipment.

When it was time to actually vacate the old complex, almost six months of work had already been accomplished. Wing safety moved to an open area of the Operations Training Complex, the manpower and quality office consolidated into the west end of building 301 and everyone else began the move to the remaining offices of building 301. In less than 48

hours, all critical areas were up and running in the new location. This was a marathon undertaking, which resulted in a virtually invisible move to the wing.

Those who are still here in the spring of 2001 will be able to attend the ribbon cutting for the new facility. It will be a state-of-the-art complex. The new control tower will be on the north side attached to the two-story main facility by a catwalk. The old control tower will be demolished at a later date. The first floor of the main building will house the base operations dispatchers and weather, and will include an enlarged flight planning area, aircrew lounge and distinguished visitor’s lounge.

The second floor will be the new home of RAPCON. A new Silver Wings Cafeteria with full grill capability will also be on the floor offering a prime view of the flightline while you dine. There will be an observation platform to catch a bird’s-eye view of aircraft flying in the traffic pattern.

To all on the Laughlin team who have assisted in this monumental task, ‘thank you!’ There is still a lot of work to be done, but I find it exciting. These initiatives are paving the path to allow this base continued mission success well into the next century!

Yes, little old Laughlin is vital to the Air Force – and so are you! Thank you!

Where are they now?

Name: Capt. Michael A. Kavanaugh

Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin:

Class 93-10, June, 1993.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: C-21, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Mission of your current aircraft: Carry cargo and personnel, airdrop, aeromedical evacuation, presidential support.

What do you like most about your current aircraft? The many various missions take us to places where most don't go.

What one thing do you dislike about your current aircraft? You only know your schedule 24 hours in advance.

What was the most important thing you learned from your time at Laughlin, besides learning how to fly? Learned how to have fun



Air Force photo of C-21A

again after the academy.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? All the great and fun people I met; partying and going to the lake.

What piece of advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Study hard! You will use what you learn there for the rest of your career. Play hard! Be competitive and enjoy life.

'Ryan,' from page 2

"It is important to remember our high optempo is driven by external factors," said Ryan. "It is driven by residual requirements left over by previous conflicts."

The general was quick to point out that because of Kosovo the Air Force has yet to feel the advantages aerospace expeditionary forces will bring.

"This last operation in Kosovo was a major theater war for the U.S. Air Force. We, by percentage of force, used more of our force than we did in Desert Storm – not for as long, but more of the force. We certainly used more of the force than we ever used in Vietnam, again not as long, but more of the force. For those units that went to Kosovo we are in a recovery phase that we are just starting to come out of," said Ryan.

The day-to-day optempo the force has had since Desert Storm is what the EAF is trying to take care of, Ryan said.

"Does it reduce the total optempo? No," he said. "What it does though is allow us to be very predictable about when we are going to send our people to these areas." This opens the door for a greater use of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve people.

"As we use Guard and Reserve forces more, it lessens some of the active-duty tempo," said Ryan. "It puts predictability and stability in the lives of our folks, unless we have another

major theater war." This expeditionary force structure also gives a baseline for normal operations to continue.

"If we did not have the AEF structure we would not have anything to recover back to after a major theater war," said Ryan. "What is your steady state from an optempo standpoint? We say it's two AEFs online at any one time. That's what we can stand and still train and sustain the force. So, it has a big impact, but it hasn't been felt in the field yet because we are coming out of a major theater war. It will be felt in the field over this next six-month period as the predictable nature of what we do becomes a reality to the person it effects. I think the force will feel it pretty quickly."

Another area that will change pretty quickly is the 4.8-percent pay raise that is expected to take effect Jan. 1.

"I'm confident that out of the Defense Authorization Bill we are going to see pay increased 4.8 percent and the retirement system restored to 50 percent," Ryan said. "Plus, we will see a pay table adjustment that is, in effect, a raise for most of the ranks – it certainly is not a decrease for any of the ranks." The pay table adjustments are scheduled to take effect July 1.

"These changes will have a positive effect," he said. "Our people don't say, 'show us the money,' but in some cases we ask so much from our folks that this kind of need – that they

have to take care of their families monetarily – is really important."

The chief of staff said that recruiting and retention efforts need to involve the family.

"This is a family decision – so I think this pay raise is pointed at the family as much as the individual," he said. "The individuals are in the Air Force for lots and lots of reasons – camaraderie, work ethic, integrity, friendships, trust – and are persuaded to stay with us. However, they only have part of the vote in our family of an Air Force. The family has a vote, a big vote, on whether they stay or go. So this is a family issue – that we reward them for their service, pay them for their sacrifice and make sure we give them an equitable retirement. I think these changes will have a big positive effect on retention and recruiting."

Finally, the general was appreciative and showed admiration for the space operators he had a chance to meet during his visit to Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases, as well as Cheyenne Mountain Air Station.

"This is a wonderful bunch of dedicated people here. They do a marvelous job in an area that is critical to our Air Force – critical to our nation, for that matter. So I am proud of every one of them and glad I could spend some time with them. I understand their concerns and their contributions," said Ryan.

(Courtesy AFSPC News Service)

Two Air Force lieutenants put on Dallas Cowboy stars

By Athena Edwards

Sheppard Senator contributor

Donning a professional football uniform takes time. Ankles need to be taped, shoulder and thigh pads positioned, and numerous other straps and laces need to be adjusted.

Two Dallas Cowboys, however, also have to make sure that their other uniform is at the ready - shoes shined, buckles polished, pants properly creased and ribbons straightened.

Capt. Chad Hennings and 1st Lt. Beau Morgan wear the blue and white uniform on the gridiron and their blue uniform off the field as Air Force reservists. Hennings and Morgan tackle the Air Force mission as hard as they hit opposing players on the field. Both graduated from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., - Hennings in 1988 and Morgan in 1997.

On active duty, Hennings was an A-10 pilot, and flew out of Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, into northern Iraq, serving in Desert Storm as part of Operation Provide Comfort. Hennings has good memories of his career as a pilot. "I miss the flying, I really do, but I don't miss having to squeeze into the cockpit,

because I didn't fit very well the first time around."

Hennings completed his pilot training through the Sheppard Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program 10 years ago, and still enjoys returning to Wichita Falls because of its small-town atmosphere which is much like Elberon, Iowa, where he grew up.

On the football field, Hennings is a 6-foot, 6-inch, 292-pound lineman. Off the field, he's an individual mobilization augmentee reservist and serves as an admissions liaison officer for the Air Force Academy and the Air Force ROTC program. He also sits on the Air Force Academy selection board for Texas, visits various schools and helps recruit young people into the academy and ROTC. In addition, Hennings also makes Air Force public service announcements.

Morgan, a running back, will soon be a liaison officer as well. When he graduated from the academy, he didn't have to travel far to his first job — as an assistant football coach with his alma mater. There, he was responsible for recruiting new football players as well as coaching the running backs for

the freshman team. A year later, Morgan went to Headquarters Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and served as a public affairs officer in the media division. Like Hennings, Morgan spends time talking to young people about the many opportunities the Air Force offers.

Despite their team's cohesiveness, both men miss the good fellowship they experienced in the Air Force. "I miss the camaraderie in the squadron, being on the flying missions, the deployments, the TDYs and the mission itself," Hennings said.

Morgan said that he misses all the people and the friendships that he has made. "It's hard to find people with the integrity and character we have in the Air Force."

Although they miss their active-duty days, the lessons they have learned live on in their football careers: studying your opponent, keeping physically fit, getting into a routine and developing mental toughness.

Hennings plans to stay in the reserves as long as he can and wants to continue to make the Air Force his other career. Morgan doesn't how long he

will stay in the reserves, but is sure that he will be in as long as he is playing football. Careers as football players and Air Force reservists have meshed well for both men. Neither has had to miss a game to fulfill their Air Force commitments.

The televised Dallas Cowboys games are also good recruiting tools for the Air Force because of the media attention

Hennings and Morgan receive. "If John Madden (NFL commentator) circles my rear end on a Teleprompter and asks how I ever fit into an A-10 cockpit, that's publicity for the Air Force that you can't put a number on, and that's nationwide too," said Hennings.

As the Dallas Cowboys begin another season, these two players will continue to pursue

excellence on the field, and as Air Force reserve officers off it. They may both wear very different uniforms, but they share one common path to success.



Photo by Sandy Wassenmiller

Brig. Gen. Kris Cook, 82nd Training Wing commander, hands the ball off to Air Force lieutenant and Dallas Cowboy Beau Morgan. The general filmed a public service announcement with Morgan, an Air Force Academy graduate, recently during Cowboys Camp. Morgan is one of two Dallas Cowboys players who also serves in the Air Force Reserve. The other is defensive tackle Chad Hennings.



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Awana donate!

Tammy and Michael LeBarre join Becca and Ivy Bollinger in dropping some money in the collection plate at the Laughlin base chapel during the Awana program Wednesday. Laughlin Catholic and Protestant communities gathered together to donate more than \$1,800, which will be presented to the American Red Cross for relief to Turkish earthquake victims.

Blue Cross / Blue Shield explained

Ms. Belinda Reyes, federal employee program account representative, will answer questions and help with concerns regarding Blue Cross / Blue Shield benefits Tuesday.

Call the civilian personnel flight at 298-5806 to schedule appointments.

College overseas

Interested in attending college at an overseas university, studying a foreign language, gaining an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the social, political, and economic characteristics of a foreign country?

The Olmsted Scholar Program provides this opportunity and more. Annually, three Air Force officers are selected to study at an overseas university for two years.

Officers interested in applying should contact the military personnel flight customer service office to obtain a sample application package.

Travel charge card

Commanders, supervisors, and first sergeants are responsible for administering the government travel charge card program at an organizational level and managing the delinquency or abuse of assigned cardholders. The program is currently under GSA contract with Bank of America (previously Nations Bank). Commanders

appoint unit Agency Program Coordinators who act for the commander and are responsible for administering the program. APCs also analyze reports and brief the commander or supervisor on any problems. Additional guidance is contained in AFI 65-104. Call 5203 with any questions.

Air Force Assistance tuition

Any classes beginning before Oct. 1 must be paid out of fiscal year 1999 funds. All courses beginning after Oct. 1 must be paid out of fiscal year 2000 funds. Please do not wait until the last minute to request tuition assistance for fiscal year 1999 classes. On the other hand, please wait until Oct. 1 to request tuition assistance for courses beginning on or after that date. Call Bob Carpenter at 5545 if you have any questions.

Farewell reception

A farewell reception for the Enlisted Spouse Club and Officer Spouse Club esteemed honorary president, Sherry Goodrich, is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at Club XL. Dinner and a "Thrift Shop Fashion and Home Show" will immediately follow the reception. RSVPs are needed by Sept. 20.

E.S.C. members, call Lynette Enyeart at 298-0195. O.S.C. members, call Theresa Reneau at 298-1206 (A-L), and Stacey Lilley at 768-2690 (M-Z).

Recycling

As of Aug. 31, the base recycling center has kept 740,902 pounds from going to the landfill. The recycling center's goal is to keep one million pounds from going to the landfill in fiscal year 2000. The recycling center asks everyone's help in saving the planet, according to Pat Lunn, 47th Civil Engineering Squadron. Call Lunn at 298-5247 with any feedback on recycling programs.

Seminole Indian observance

The Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association will be observing Seminole Day Sept. 18, to honor the scouts who fought so bravely in the Indian Wars and were instrumental in settling this area while stationed at Fort Clark in Brackettville, Texas.

The day will include a parade and awards, booths, exhibits, barbecue dinner sale and more. Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, will serve as the keynote speaker for this historical event. "This is the first time in history that a commander has participated in the program honoring the scouts," said Joni M. Jordan, Laughlin Black History Committee member and the great granddaughter of one of the scouts, Joe Remo.

"It is very fitting, because of the military connection, that military should take part in the program - and I am very pleased that Col. Goodrich has agreed to take time out of his busy schedule to participate," she said.

Jordan said everyone is invited to attend the event. Dress is casual - shorts, jeans, etc. If you have any questions, call Jordan at 5914.

Registration

Registration for Park College's Fall II Term runs from Sept. 20 - Oct. 8. Come by building 316 or call 5593 for more information, or check www.park.edu for Internet registration dates and information.

Health council meeting

The Health Consumers Advisory Council is a forum for exchanging information between the providers and consumers of health care at Laughlin. Representatives from most base organizations and from the retired population meet with members of the Clinic Executive Committee once a quarter on an informal basis.

The next meeting of the council will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 1, in the wing conference room in the headquarters building. This council provides the opportunity to express your satisfaction with or concerns about health care at Laughlin. Call Mina Rodriguez at 6311 for additional information, or to indicate attendance.

Financial classes

The personnel financial manager at the family support center is offering the following classes:

Checkbook Management	Sept. 20 9 - 10 a.m.
Budget Workshop	Sept. 20 1 - 2 p.m.
Understanding Credit	Sept. 27 3 - 4 p.m.
Budget Workshop	Oct. 8 1 - 2 p.m.
Understanding Credit	Oct. 15 1 - 2 p.m.
Checkbook Management	Oct. 15 2 - 3 p.m.
Bundles for Babies	Oct. 29 1 - 2:30 p.m.